

(a) Sample Posts

Ask #waleg to pass RCO's Community Forest Grant Program and allocate \$22M for this innovative and targeted program. Tribes, local governments and nonprofits are eligible. More info <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/community-forests-program/>

Community forests support rural economic development. The proposed [project name] in [city/county/district] will not only provide local jobs but source local timber for the nearby business:

Community forests benefit local schools. The proposed [project name] would become a great location for schools tours and outings in [city/county/district]

(b) Email for Legislators

Subject: Please support RCO's Community Forest Program

Dear [Representative/Senator _____ and Staff]

I'm [your name] from [affiliation, district]. I'm reaching out to urge you to support renewed funding for the RCO Community Forest Program. In its first year, the RCO Community Forest Grant Program had 15 projects submitted for consideration, totaling \$ 33 million.

We want to build on this momentum, and ask for renewed funding for the 2021-23 biennium. Community forests are working forests, which provide jobs and a sustainable source of revenue for local municipalities. Further, community forests give rural communities a voice in how their forests are managed by placing the ownership and management of these lands as the responsibility of local municipalities.

I would like to schedule a meeting with you or staff within the new few weeks to talk more about this important program. Thank you and I look forward to your support.

(c) Phone Template I'm [your name] from [affiliation, district]. I'm reaching out to urge you to support renewed funding for the RCO Community Forest Program. In its first year, the RCO Community Forest Grant Program had 15 projects submitted for consideration. I am calling to urge you to provide the full \$22 million for the RCO Community Forest Program. Thank you!